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# Weed and vape shops: the American way to go

BY NIC COOPER  
Contributing Writer

Over the last two years, since marijuana was legalized for recreational use, Ellensburg has seen an influx of smoke and vape shops. In a small town like Ellensburg, it's a wonder this many stores are able to thrive under these conditions.

There are five vape shops: One Love Smoke & Vape; Smokeable; Smoke Mania; Smoke Evolution; and Cloud 509.

After I-502 passed in 2012 and marijuana was legal in Washington, two marijuana retail shops join the list in Ellensburg – The Green Shelf and Central Cannabis – to round out to seven shops in the dazed but not confused town of about 18,000.

“There’s a lot of people and everybody is different and everybody likes different service.”

-Abid Daghlawi  
Owner of One Love Smoke & Vape

Ji Yoon, owner of Smoke Mania, formally known as Rich’s Smoke, located on South Canyon Road of the I-90 Interchange, said since weed is now legal in Washington, he thinks it’s good customers have the access to more products.

But Yoon, thinks there are too many smoke shops in Ellensburg.

“It used to just be Central Smoke Shop and here for a long time...and then Smokeable came and others too,” Yoon said. “It’s good for them [customers], but

not good for me...it’s too hard to make money.”

However, Abid Daghlawi disagrees. The owner of One Love Smoke

& Vape, located on South Main Street, thinks shops like his coming onto the scene is good for Ellensburg. Especially for those

seeking out new glassware and vape products.

“It gives variety to the customers and it gives a different variety in customer service,” Daghlawi said. “There’s a lot of people and everybody is different and everybody likes different service.”

Daghlawi said it isn’t the competition for business he dislikes, but the constant haggling from customers.

“There’s going to be a competition everywhere you go,” Daghlawi said. “What I don’t like is, a lot of people come in and say, ‘oh well down the street it’s this and this much’...it’s an every day occurrence.”

Daghlawi said even though there is an abundance of shops in the area, he’s happy with the store’s current level of business.

“I’m working my way up there,” Daghlawi said. “We’re still new and you have to establish business before you can really be a judge of that [store progression].”

Part of the reason for so many new smoke and vape



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shops in the area is due to some of these owners having attempted and fallen short of obtaining a retail marijuana business license, so they proceed to open up a smoke or vape shop.

Although Daghlawi recognizes that these have been the original plans for some smoke shop owners, he said he did not

obtain a business license for retail marijuana.

“I was thinking about it. But it would have to be in the whole different building than this, it can’t be in the same area,” Daghlawi said. “We’re from Yakima and we just wanted to bring something new to Ellensburg.”

## Central enrollment, diversity on the rise for 2015-16

BY MATT ESCAMILLA  
Staff Reporter

In a world where diversity is celebrated, it’s important for a student’s university to follow suit. Students of color now comprise a third of the student population at Central.

John Swiney, special assistant to the vice president of Business and Financial Affairs, said 44 percent of the population Yakima and Tri-Cities are Hispanic. Swiney added that Central has increased diversity in its student body, students of color won’t feel uncomfortable in the classroom.

“There is a psychological factor and comfort level knowing that an individual won’t have to be the spokesperson for their ethnicity,” Swiney said.

In a recent Faculty Senate meeting, President James Gaudino credited various student sup-



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port services to help retain students who are often the first in their families to go to college.

Central’s incoming freshman class came in at 1,653 when the projections were 1,500. Central also had a balanced freshman class, with 51 percent female and 49 percent male. At public universities nationwide, the student body averages 56 percent female and 43 percent male, according to Forbes Magazine.

According to the Fall 2015 freshman profile (preliminary data) report, more than half of Central’s incoming freshman are from western Washington. Swiney said Ellensburg’s location attracts students from around the state.

“An individual lives far enough and yet can still visit home on the weekends,” Swiney said. “The cost of living in Kittitas County is a key factor as well.”

Tuition cuts in recent years, and programs like The Western Undergraduate Exchange Program have also helped Central’s goal of being a diverse community.

“The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program waiver allows students throughout the western United States, the Pacific Island US Territories and free-standing states to enroll at a reduced tuition rate while seeking their first undergraduate degree,” stated the Central scholarship website.

Under the WUE, students pay the regular tuition fee plus 50 percent for their undergrad. The state’s tuition cuts have also affected enrollment. There was a tuition cut of 5 percent this year, and a 15 percent decrease is expected next year, reducing annual tuition by more than \$1,600.

## Kittitas, Ellensburg prepares for life sans snowpack

BY ELLIOTT LLERA  
Online Editor

As climate change continues and global warming worsens, droughts in eastern Washington could become a staple of summer, just like BBQs, baseball, and the 4th of July.

To help prepare for a future with less water, the state of Washington has implemented a massive ecological project called The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP).

The YBIP will cost \$3.8 billion while being rolled out over the course of 30 years.

“The first 10 years have been basically getting all of the environmental studies done and fleshing out the plan,” said Obie O’Brien, Kittitas County Commissioner District 3. “The interim 10 years, which we’re getting into now, is where we’re starting to build projects.”

The series of projects is intended to overhaul the state’s existing water infrastructure.

Currently, water reservoirs in Washington are replenished mostly by melting snow pack.

If trends brought upon by global warming continue, Washington’s mountain passes are likely to receive more rain than snow in the winter months.

“Since we’re not having as much snow, we need to store the water that falls as rain,” O’Brien said.

The most expensive of all the projects included in the YBIP will be the construction of a new 162,500 acre-foot water reservoir just south of Ellensburg called the Wymer Reservoir.

Also included in the plan are several conservation based efforts, including the construction of six new fish passages to help salmon populations who have been displaced by dams.

The Yakima River Basin leads the nation in production of apples and hops, making the region Washington State’s most valuable agricultural resource.

As evidenced by last summer’s drought, a water shortage can have profound impacts on the local economy.

According to the Washington State Department of Agriculture, statewide crop and livestock losses are likely to exceed \$1 billion as a result of last year’s drought.

Commissioner O’Brien said that a sufficient water supply is vital to Ellensburg’s livelihood.

“If we lose that economic base, we lose jobs...” said O’Brien. We’re an agriculture market.”



# ASCWU gets new tech to record meetings

BY DESTINI DICKINSON  
Staff Reporter

This year's Associated Students of CWU Student Government (ASCWU) officers are welcoming in the new tech generation with a few tools to start recording public meetings.

Recently, the ASCWU approved \$650 to buy a laptop and camera to record meetings, an external hard drive to back up memory and a tripod to hold the camera. The funds were taken from Central's general budget.

Current ASCWU President

Ryan Anderson said that, in the past, the ASCWU public relations director hadn't been involved with meetings.

Anderson said that this year ASCWU has a "really great" public relations director—Forrest McNealley—and so they are trying to make him the hub for campus students to talk to ASCWU, which is one reason for the recent purchases.

Anderson said the laptop is an ASUS and that it's similar to the one at the Wildcat Shop; it cost \$250. He added that it was "cost effective and professional."

Anderson said that it's required by law to take minutes from meetings and post them on ASCWU's website. Minutes are already posted in written form, but Anderson said video would be another component.

The camera is the same one Campus Activities bought, and

it's a Cannon. The tripod was from Amazon and only cost \$20.

The camera and tripod were purchased to take photos and videos of ASCWU and post them to their current YouTube channel: ASCWU Student Government.

Currently, the only thing on the ASCWU Student Govern-

ment YouTube is the ALS ice bucket challenge.

They also want to record the public meetings so that there is no discrepancies on the minutes, Anderson said.

They couldn't record video until they got the camera, and they couldn't get a camera until they got the money approved at the Oct. 16 meeting.

The external hard drive was only \$50 at Office Depot and was purchased because Wash-

“We spent \$650 on four things. [It was] very, very cost effective.”

-Ryan Anderson  
ASCWU President

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# Homeless haven

Six churches in Ellensburg become cold-weather shelters for displaced community members until fair weather returns



JORDAN CAMERON/OBSERVER  
(From left) Jac Murray, Toni Heay-Stewart, Michaela Rogers, Jen Stuart, and John Mounsey all help the homeless at First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg.

BY KAILAN MANANDIC  
Staff Reporter

As winter descends in Ellensburg, local churches are opening their doors to the homeless, and providing a place to sleep for those with nowhere to turn.

Starting in November, six churches are rotating as cold-weather shelters during winter nights. This is the second year churches will shelter those in need.

During winter 2014, only three churches were able to provide shelter for five days a week, from December through February. This year, the churches will provide shelter seven days a week through February 2016, or until the cold weather ends.

Pastor Jen Stuart of United Methodist Church helped start

the shelters last year and is happy to see it grow.

Initially their plan was to work with FISH, a local food bank, to provide homeless people with food and shelter.

This plan was revised when the FISH Food Bank building caught fire Thanksgiving weekend last year, and the churches were only able to provide a place to sleep.

The churches are serving with the Kittitas Valley Ministerial Association, which provides hotel room vouchers for the homeless. Local churches were able to pro-

vide these to the homeless in the years before the shelter.

Despite this, the churches wanted to do more. Kari Mirro, Reach Ministries' director for Mercer Creek Church, sees vouchers as a "bandaid fix."

Prior to 2008, Mercer Creek had an open door policy, and police would direct anyone in need to sleep there for the night.

According to Mirro, this was deemed an insurance liability and until 2014 they provided hotel vouchers.

The shelters work on a vol-

“We help those whose only alternative is sleeping on a park bench or under a bridge.”

-Don Green  
Pastor at First Christian Church

## Central opens new SAAB chapter, first in Washington

BY JARRIK FARRAND  
Staff Reporter

"I am my brother's keeper and together we shall rise!" is the motto of Brother 2 Brother (B2B), one of Central's newest clubs, and is a direct reflection of the chapter's goal of taking young students and molding them into men who can grow to be both academically and professionally successful.

Part of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), the organization was originally founded in 1990 and has since expanded into 364 chapters across 34 states.

This past spring, Dr. Keith Champagne, Central's associate dean of Student Success, and Dr. Raymond Hall, associate professor of anthropology, worked together to establish Central as the first SAAB chapter in the northwest.

B2B is open to members of all races, but its roots are tied to the SAAB, whose founders built the organization with a focus towards assisting men of color in reaching academic success.

Central's needs are no different; only 34% of African American students succeed in graduating.

B2B plans to improve that statistic in part by imbuing its members with the following core values: accountability, proactive leadership, self-discipline and intellectual development.

"This will provide us a vehicle for engaging men of color in a positive and proactive manner outside of the classroom," said Champagne.

While the focus of SAAB is on African American men, B2B is inclusive to males of all races. This is evident when observing Central's chapter, whose members come from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Statistics

- Over half a million people are homeless
- 25 percent of the homeless population are children
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women
- One-eighth of the nation's low income housing has been lost since 2001

Source: Huffington Post

unteer basis, consisting mainly of church community members and a few college students. While the number of volunteers is increasing, it's rarely enough, according to Mirro.

Last year the shelters housed

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**NEW BEGINNINGS** Keith Champagne (pictured) is part of starting the first northwest SAAB chapter.

### "B2B" from P. 3

While each brother has a unique history and story to tell, each one of them is united in the fact that they are all striving towards excellence while supporting each other and their community.

"Our plan is to make a significant improvement in male students' satisfaction, academic performance, campus engagement, retention and graduation rates," said Champagne.

The chapter will also be attending a national B2B confer-

ence in Detroit this April. They are striving to ensure all of its members attain a 3.0 GPA before that time in hopes of winning the award "New Chapter of the Year".

Besides its emphasis on its members' personal development, B2B has extracurricular plans to engage in both community outreach and volunteer work.

Last week's meeting showcased the brothers' eagerness for helping others. A community potluck was confirmed that will function as a fundraising event,

while feeding those in need throughout the local community.

They then took turns standing up and speaking passionately in support of an idea that would involve members returning to their high schools and speaking to those students about college life and the benefits of joining.

This plan would benefit kids back home by informing them that it is possible to succeed, and that going off to college doesn't have to be an intimidating process when they have the support group that B2B provides.

This strong aspiration to in-

### BROTHER 2 BROTHER

- Brother 2 Brother is open to any male student interested in joining
- Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in SURC room 301
- There is no membership fee

spire others is just one of the reasons that Central's B2B chapter president, Armando Ortiz, first joined.

He said that his desire to become a strong male role model for younger students was one of the driving forces behind his decision to take a leadership role.

One of Ortiz's goals as president is to reach out to all students, regardless of their background. Many people aren't even aware of the chapter's existence. Of those that are aware of it, some aren't aware that it's open to any and all males. Ortiz said that word of mouth is really how the chapter plans to expand.

"We want to make Brother 2 Brother approachable to every man on campus, regardless of their backgrounds," Armando said. "The word 'brother' has sort of a racial connotation. We want to make everybody who comes into this chapter to truly feel like they have a brotherhood, regardless if they're black, white, or brown."

## Central ranked #1 in affordability by 'The Economist'

BY THE OBSERVER STAFF

Central was recently ranked first in the state of Washington in terms of economic impact on graduates, reads a press release from Central's office of Public Affairs.

According to the release, Central ranked 124 out of 1,275 colleges across the nation by The Economist magazine, which calculated assumed median income for different school's graduates, and then showed whether graduates earned over or under the estimate.

As reported by The Economist, Central alumni annually earned \$4,562 above expectations.

"With more than 135 majors, teachers who are tops in their fields and affordable tuition, Central is, hands-down, one of the best bargains in higher education in the country," Central President James Gaudino said in the press release.

In Washington, directly behind Central was Washington State University (279) and Walla Walla University (586).

*Check "The Observer" next week for a full story.*

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an average of four to five homeless a night. A volunteer would stay overnight to watch the building and another would come in the morning to clear everyone out.

“We would love to see more college students,” Mirro said. “A lot of them can tolerate the overnight shift better than a lot of people.”

According to Mirro, volunteer hours can go towards college credit.

Because different groups define homelessness differently, there is no exact number of homeless people in Ellensburg.

“I don’t think anyone can an-

swer that,” said Don Green, pastor for First Christian Church.

This gray area becomes larger as a lot of homeless people move around with the warm weather, according to Mirro.

HopeSource, a local social services organization, does a point-in-time count of the homeless population in January. The last count was five.

During the previous three-month shelter, 37 individual homeless people were served and, in total, 202 signed in to the shelters.

According to Green, the shelters see mainly those who have nowhere else to turn. A lot of people couch surf and eventually get kicked out.

“We help those whose only alternative is sleeping on a park bench or under a bridge,” Green said.

Many people are surprised that there’s a homeless population in Ellensburg, according to Mirro.

“Even though you don’t see them,” Mirro said. “Doesn’t mean they’re not there.”

“We would love to see more college students. A lot of them can tolerate the overnight shift better than a lot of people.”

-Kari Mirro  
Director of Mercer Creek Church



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“ASCWU” from P. 3

ington State public meetings law requires the ASCWU to back up minutes for up to seven years.

There was a crash on the ASCWU computers and they lost information that they were supposed to keep.

Anderson said that every four years, the ASCWU has to spend the money that’s in their budget, no matter what they spend it on. He added that the decision to buy the four items was procedural and an attempt to establish the ASCWU as a professional office space.

“We spent \$650 on four things,” said Anderson. “[It was] very, very cost effective.”

Last years’ ASCWU presi-

dent, Yosef Gamble, said, “I really see it fit.”

He said that it’s the ASCWU’s decision, but that he did consider getting a camera for ASCWU.

However, there were other priorities he had to get to before he could do that. Gamble said that their public relations director wasn’t really involved when he was in charge.

He had to take the role of president and advising, so things like cameras and laptops weren’t something he was able to get to when he was in office, but he had considered it.

He thinks that it could be useful to the current ASCWU, to the student body and to the meetings to have a camera to record meetings.

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## Kittitas County 9-1-1 calls Oct. 27 - Nov. 1

### “IS THIS MEXICO SPEAKING?” “NO, IT’S 9-1-1.”

A caller tried to dial Mexico on Nov. 2 at 9:46 a.m but called 9-1-1 instead.

**A mailbox was brutally damaged this weekend** on Reecer Creek Road. The caller reported it was replaced on Nov. 2 at 10:51 a.m.

**A black cow meandered down the middle of Rad-er Road** on Nov. 2 at 9:06 p.m.

**A raging fire on a moving trailer** was spotted on Nov. 3 at 10:19 a.m.

**Burning horse manure assaulted people’s noses** on Nov. 4 at 12:52 p.m. This was reported as an ongoing problem.

**A deaf or mute caller had their non-English speaking friend** call Kittcom on Nov. 4 at 4:27 p.m.

**A hose theft occurred** on Nov. 5 at 6:47 a.m. The caller reported the hose stretched out and used to fill something while attached to the caller’s house.

**A horse tried to hitch a**

**ride on the train** on Nov. 5 at 12:58 p.m.

**A tale of many Facebook profiles didn’t have a happy ending**, when a caller reported his ex-girlfriend had been creating fake facebook profiles and sending him friend requests on Nov. 6 at 7:48 a.m.

**A petrol pirate took two gas tanks from a caller’s Hyundai Elantra** on Nov. 6 at 10:33 a.m. The tanks were strapped onto the outside of the vehicle.

**An online Mercedes hoax tricked an Ellensburg resident into wiring \$400** on Nov. 6 at 12:37 p.m.

**Ditch jumping will not be an Olympic sport this year** as a male jumped out of a ditch and landed in a bush instead of the roadway on Nov 7 at 3:06 a.m.

**A cigarette theft occurred** on Nov. 7 at 7:14 a.m.

**A haystack inferno occurred** in the back of complex on Vantage Highway on Nov. 7 at 8:40 a.m.

**Inappropriate postcards were sent** in the mail to a caller on Nov. 7 at 2:43 p.m.

**Burning debris** on West 10th Avenue was reported on Nov. 7 at 2:50 p.m.

**There were three to four horses roaming loose and looking for a good time** on the roadway by Jon Nov. 8 at 2:27 a.m.

**A complimentary cleaning service was advertised** to a caller on Nov. 8 at 6:33 p.m. The cleaner wanted to come in that night for free but was only available that night.

**Sound the alarms! A garbage can went missing** on Nov. 9 at 7:04 p.m. The reporting party called back to say Waste Management were the perpetrators and moved the can in the alley behind the residence.

## Obama says ‘no’ to Keystone Pipeline, cites environmental concerns

BY THE OBSERVER STAFF



ANIRUDH KOUL/FlickR

President Barack Obama announced his rejection of the Keystone Pipeline on Nov. 6. The pipeline would have allowed Canadian crude oil to reach ports and refineries in the U.S., according to Mother Jones Magazine.

“America is now a global leader when it comes to taking serious action to fight climate change, and frankly, approving this project would have undercut that leadership,” Obama said in an article on CNN.

Liberals, environmentalists, conservatives and oil companies debated the issues for years.

Environmental groups vilified Obama for not backing up his stance on climate change while Republicans in Congress condemned Obama for blocking a job-building effort, according to Mother Jones.

The 1,179 mile pipeline would have cost \$8 billion, according to Politico. The crude oil is mined or steamed from reserves beneath the boreal forests in Alberta, Canada.

The process is extremely energy-intensive. Canada has the third largest oil reserve in the world after Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, according to Politico. The pipeline would have moved 800,000 barrels of petroleum daily.

The pipeline would have affected Nebraska farmers and Native Americans who told Po-

litico they worried leaks from Keystone could pollute the soil in the area. Additionally, a large regional water source, the Ogallala Aquifer, rested on the land around the area.

According to Politico, environmentalists also worried about the endangered whooping cranes. The birds reside in between the small mounds of soil that give the region the nickname, the Sandhills, which cover an estimated third or more of Nebraska.

Obama’s move promotes the environmental agenda and efforts to fight climate change, according to CNN. The Environmental Protection Agency put forward new regulations on limiting greenhouse gas emissions from power plants this summer.

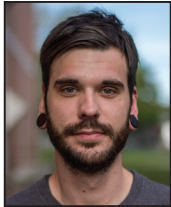
His decision came at an opportune time as he will be attending the Paris climate talks put on by the United Nations next month.

The White House is hoping to strike an international deal committing every country to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and execute policies to combat global warming.

“We know that human activity is changing the climate,” Obama said, according to CNN. “We know that human ingenuity can do something about it. We’re even starting to see that we might actually have the political will to succeed.”



# Extremism in 140 characters or less



BY JONATHAN GLOVER/NEWS EDITOR

Did you see that ludicrous display the other night? The way that one attacked the other, wow, it was viscous.

And the blonde guy, did you hear those racist remarks and his ridiculous stance on women’s rights? What an idiot.

And the black guy, I bet he didn’t even get into West Point. Oh he did? Well, then I’m sure it wasn’t a scholarship like he said it was. Nailed him.

That woman candidate though, she just doesn’t know what she’s talking about, leave politics to the men.

Following a GOP debate, it’s not rare to hear remarks such as these. In fact, I wouldn’t put it past anyone to boil down complicated topics like politics into quick, 140-character extremist arguments, perfect for a Twitter generation.

It’s almost as if our attention spans are so bad that we can’t or won’t focus on anything. That last sentence was 91 characters.

The same contrived statements can be said about conservatives when talking about liberals.

How many times have we heard the classic “bumper-sticker” arguments that President Obama has only increased the amount of poor in the nation, or that he’s (somehow) not a real American.

Or that Bernie Sanders is a socialist, which I guess is meant to be an insult that it isn’t (94 characters).

Or that Hillary Clinton doesn’t know how to lead a nation because she’s a woman (79 characters, I’m getting better).

If we all just took a second to stop and do some research, we wouldn’t need to resort to fourth grade antics when it comes to politics. It’s no secret that Americans are as divided as they’ve ever been politically, but are we all really so different?

I bet if you asked everyone to answer honestly what they value and how they think their country should be ran that they wouldn’t be too far off from each other. The problem is that this mindset isn’t the American way.

It’s us versus them, black and white, winners and losers. There is no more middle ground. It’s like we’re all sports fans, doubling down on our team. It’s ridiculous.

Rather than doing research and forming a well-thought opinion, our generation would rather take to our phones and start finger-shouting at the opposition. I cringe when I think about how stupid we’re all going to feel 20 years from now, looking back on our posting history.

I’m sure most people don’t even know that democrats used to be the “bad” party.

Democrats were in favor of slavery and if it weren’t for the more modest republicans, we would have likely never changed. Shame on us.

The Republican party changed, albeit they changed into a bat-shit crazy, divided crapshoot, but they did change. Why can’t we all change?

It doesn’t have to be a shouting match anytime political points are brought up. I subscribe to a liberal mindset, but there are many things about liberals that I vehemently disagree with.

I don’t like our stance on raising taxes blindly without checking on expenditures first. I mean, does anybody really know what the U.S. Department of Education even does? Can’t states dictate their education practices? And don’t even get me started on defense spending.

But it’s not really okay for me to say things like this. I have to be behind my party all the way and against everything the republicans say or I’m not a good little democrat.

I feel especially bad for RINOs (republicans in name only) who are lambasted by their own divided party for being too moderate. How dare they?

And what would the Twitter generation say about my using 3,367 characters to write this? Maybe wasn’t quite extreme enough; I wonder if anyone will even read it.

# In Dipoto we trust



BY ZAC HERETH/SPORTS EDITOR

The Jerry Dipoto era has officially started in Seattle as the new Mariner’s general manager made his first big-move of the offseason.

Dipoto traded utilityman Brad Miller, first baseman Logan Morrison and right-handed reliever Danny Farquhar to the Tampa Bay Rays for right-handed starter Nathan Karns, left-handed reliever C.J. Riefenhauser and minor league outfielder Boog Powell.

At first, this trade seemed like an awful deal to me. The loss of Miller, a personal favorite of mine, stuck out like a sore thumb.

Miller could’ve be a glue-guy for next year’s squad. Think Mark Macklemore circa 2001. He has the ability to play every position on the field with at least serviceable defense, a good athlete and provides more pop at the plate than the average utilityman.

But then I thought about losing Morrison and Farquhar. This may be a good thing.

Both players showed the ability to look great in flashes, but whether it was due to injury or inconsistency, both players have gone through absolutely brutal stretches at the plate and on the mound.

Let’s face it, Morrison was never going to be the first baseman of the future, and Farquhar is very replaceable in the bullpen.

What the Mariners got in return could be the answer to the inconsistent pitching problems the team faced in its bullpen and rotation last year.

Karns has shown his ability to be a quality big-league pitcher last season and

would slate in perfectly as the number four or five starter with Felix Hernandez, Taijuan Walker, James Paxton and free agent Hisashi Iwakuma.

Riefenhauser was roughed up a bit last year in his time in the majors, but should have better luck pitching in a ballpark that is tough on right-handed hitter. The Mariners have little left-handed talent in the bullpen behind Charlie Furbush and aging free agent Joe Biemel.

Powell is the question mark in this deal. He was suspended previously for a positive steroid test and still didn’t show much power in the minors. The hope is he can become a reliable on-base guy that can play solid enough defense to at least partially fill the black-hole that has been center field for the Mariners since Franklin Gutierrez’s breakout season in 2009.

The bottom line is that this is a win-win type of trade for both teams. Although Miller could’ve been a key piece for the Mariners in 2016, they needed to acquire pitching depth since Iwakuma, Walker and Paxton have all battled injuries the past couple seasons.

Now it’s up to Dipoto to find the answer at first base and the outfield for the Mariners this offseason. A task that has been proven to be easier said than done.

to strengthen the economic base of the region and state.”

As members of the Central community, I strongly encourage you to act on these university objectives and make this upcoming holiday season meaningful by giving back to the community.

We have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in local organizations. It doesn’t have to be a grand gesture - even just an hour of volunteering is time well spent.

Let’s make a pact to make the next few months more about giving back to others and less about ourselves.

Together, let’s strengthen the Central community.

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# Unleash the extreme at Central

BY DAKOTA SEGURA  
Staff Reporter

Midterms might be over, but finals will be here in the blink of an eye, and when that time comes, students might be looking for a way to relieve their stress.

For those who think meditating or listening to music sounds a bit too tame, students will have the opportunity to (legally) demolish a car right on Central's campus.

On Dec. 1, "Winegars Unleash the Xtreme" will allow Central students to show up to the SURC and smash a car for free.

A&A Auto Wreckers and Towing will be donating a car for the purpose of this event.

"One of the kids called in from the college and asked if we could provide them with a car," said Kim Heistand, who owns the auto shop along with her husband Randy Heistand.

This is the third year that A&A Auto Wreckers and Towing has donated a car, but it's the first time that the car bashing event will be sponsored by Winegars.

"[After the event,] we come pick up the car and put it back in the wrecking yard," Heistand said.

From there, car parts might be either salvaged or sold.

Sledgehammers will be provided for students to smash, crush and bash the car using whatever tactics they wish.

"I think it's awesome to be able to get your anger out right before finals," Heistand said.

Winegars' PR team at Central Communications Agency (CCA) planned the event this year after seeing it was a big hit in previous

years with other organizations.

"We'd been talking about it last year and so then [CCA] just proceeded to get it all together," Kori Winegar, owner of Winegars, said.

Winegars worked with their team of representatives at CCA to figure out what would be a fun, enjoyable event for students to partake in.

"It's an event that will engage everyone in the community. We all know finals can be a really stressful time," said Savannah Isbey, senior public relations major and Senior Account Supervisor at CCA.

Isbey, along with a team of other students, represents Winegars. She is the primary communication between Winegars and the rest of her team, and is playing a key role in the organization of this event.

[There were a] "series of meetings where we came up with ideas of what would be engaging and what would get everyone involved," Isbey said. "This idea sounded really fun."

Isbey's team is made up of associate account executives Kelsey Randich, Blake Cranston and Kramer Cirineo.

The car bash will take place by the wildcat statue out the Tuesday before finals week.

While there are always many events and activities happening on campus, students might not necessarily always participate.

Isbey's team at CCA has tried to plan a unique event that will capture the attention and interest of students before finals time, while promoting Winegars.

"We always try to let people know who we are," Winegar said.

CCA helps plan events for

their clients with this in mind. The car smash is just one of many ways in which CCA helps local businesses get their names out there in order to gain publicity and familiarity among residents of Ellensburg.

"We're having volunteers help with organizing the event," Isbey said.

These volunteers will most likely be made up of students who are part of CCA or the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Though it is still a few weeks away, CCA is already planning some fun activities for students to look forward to.

"It's kind of fun to go do and let some of that energy out," Winegar said. "We'll be giving away some stuff for participating."

Winegars will sponsor the event from behind the scenes by making prizes available for students to potentially win. Students who attend will have the chance to strike a pose and win a prize.

"There will be a picture contest going on," Isbey said.

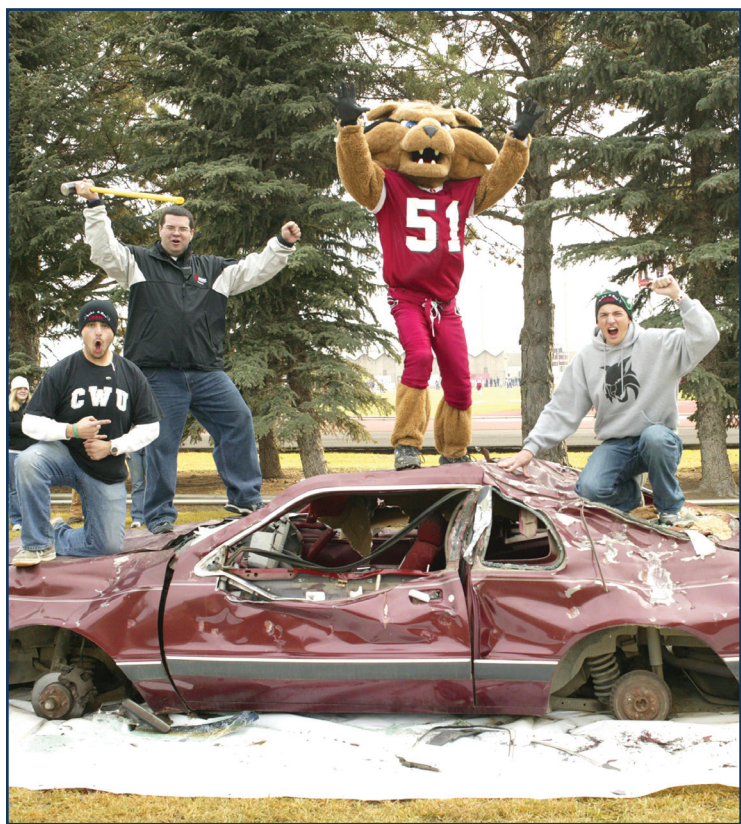
The more silly, unique or interesting pose, the better. Pictures will be posted on Twitter with a hashtag, and whoever gets the most likes or retweets will win a Winegars gift card.

There are two Winegars locations in Ellensburg, both located on University Way.

Winegar said he invites students to head on over to either location the evening after the car smash for some homemade ice cream.

Isbey and Winegar hope this is an event that students will look forward to being a part of.

For those who might not want



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**CAR BASH** Students demolish car to relieve final week stress.

to be the ones doing the actual car smashing, watching friends or classmates take a sledgehammer to a car will likely be entertaining, even for a spectator. It will be an afternoon full of fun.

"I hope to go be around for a few minutes or hours," Winegar said.

According to Isbey, this event will not just benefit stress-ridden students, but help connect businesses with the student community.

"Everyone is more than welcome to come," Isbey said. "Photographers will be on the scene. It's a great opportunity for students to have fun."

## Winegars Unleash the Xtreme

When: Dec. 1

Where: East SURC  
Patio

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

# Directing the future of music

BY THOMAS PATTISON  
Staff Reporter

Music is not easy to learn. No one can pick up an instrument they know nothing about and play it well without proper instruction.

No one knows this better than Kittitas School District Music Director Don May.

Being an effective teacher, like being a great musician, takes years to master.

Most musical education majors do not get the opportunity to teach an actual band class until after they have graduated, but this is not always the case.

"Back in 1999, a student of mine named Neil Proff started teaching the middle school jazz band, and he did that for three years and then it was passed on," May said. "[Proff and I] talked to the Central professors and got a program going."

Tanner Cornell has been passed the honor and obligation of teaching jazz band to the Morgan Middle School students every weekday at 7 a.m.

"When he goes on a gig with

us, I try to give him as much leeway as possible to make it [the students and Cornell's] band, and teach the students as much as possible" May said.

Cornell is not a new face to the band students at Morgan Middle School.

"He is about to pass the baton to someone else, but Cornell has been faithful to the program. He has been teaching the middle school jazz band for six or seven quarters," May said.

During this time, Cornell has gained more experience teaching band than if he hadn't pursued the program.

"I've been doing it for two years, since January 2014. I was asked in the fall of 2013," Cornell said.

Tasks such as getting the students to listen to instructions, respecting one another as fellow musicians and following directions perfectly, are all skills that can only be learned through time and experience as a teacher.

To Cornell being successful is all in the preparation.

"Just the challenge of being prepared [is difficult], through-

out the day I am always thinking about what a good next step is going to be for each rehearsal," Cornell said.

At first, Cornell wasn't sure he was ready to commit to being a jazz teacher for the rest of his time at Central.

"I've taught jazz bands before, only the time commitment was an issue," Cornell said.

Cornell believes that the benefits of his job outweigh its cons.

"Any teaching experience is super valuable. I've learned a ton about myself and what I need to work on," Cornell said.

Cornell isn't the only Central student who has been helping out with the jazz band. Dan Baker graduated last year, but came in fall and winter quarter to help. Emily Hurd has also helped as the saxophone section coach last year and has been coming in every day this year to help.

The most rewarding part about being a jazz band instructor, according to Cornell, is not the experience gained, it's watching his student grow as musicians.

"I've been doing this for a while, It's fun. Some of my kids



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**TANNER CORNELL** directs Morgan Middle School's jazz band.

have gone to high school, and I get to see them perform. They always come up to me after the show and tell me that we [May and Cornell] are the reason that

they stuck with music. That's probably the best part about it, when they continue to work on becoming better musicians," Cornell said.



# Re-enslaved

# Documentary shows transition from 'slavery' to 'labor'

**BY CODY NILSEN**  
Staff Reporter

Slavery and mass incarceration are issues that stretch through many generations and on Nov. 12, Central will be showing the documentary “Slavery By Another Name” based off the novel by Douglas A. Blackmon, a Pulitzer-Prize winning author.

The event is a part of Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice: Black and Brown Lives Do Matter; a campus wide series with 80 faculty and staff involved in making the events happen.

The committee chair is the dean of the Arts and Humanities College, Stacey Robertson.

Robertson is a member of the organization Historians Against Slavery, whose motto is “using history to make slavery history.”

"I think that to understand our justice system, you need to understand the history," Robertson said.

Robertson's statement best describes the need to continue the conversation of slavery both past and present.

While the emancipation proclamation is supposed to be the point in history where slavery was considered to be abolished, “Slavery by Another Name” sheds light on the fact slavery didn’t end, it was given a new title: punitive labor.

After the Civil War, hundreds of thousands of African-Americans were imprisoned for unfair reasons, such as the color of their skin, which continued up until about World War II.

The Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice: Black and Brown Lives Do Matter series will be continuing all year.

Robertson hopes that this will continue to be an annual event, with a new theme each year.

There is a need for a meaningful conversation on Central's campus about racial justice and mass incarceration. Not just on Central's campus or in Ellensburg, but on a nationwide scale. The issue has been ignored by majority of the public.

“The economic disparity that is created from the incarceration of citizens from low income communities, in most cases the father of a family,” Robertson said. “This creates a system that created a second class of people.”

Currently, more than two million individuals are behind bars.

The United States incarcerates more people than any other nation and accounts for 25 percent of the world's prisoners. Worldwide, five percent of the population is incarcerated. A number that has seen an increase in recent years.

The burden of incarceration

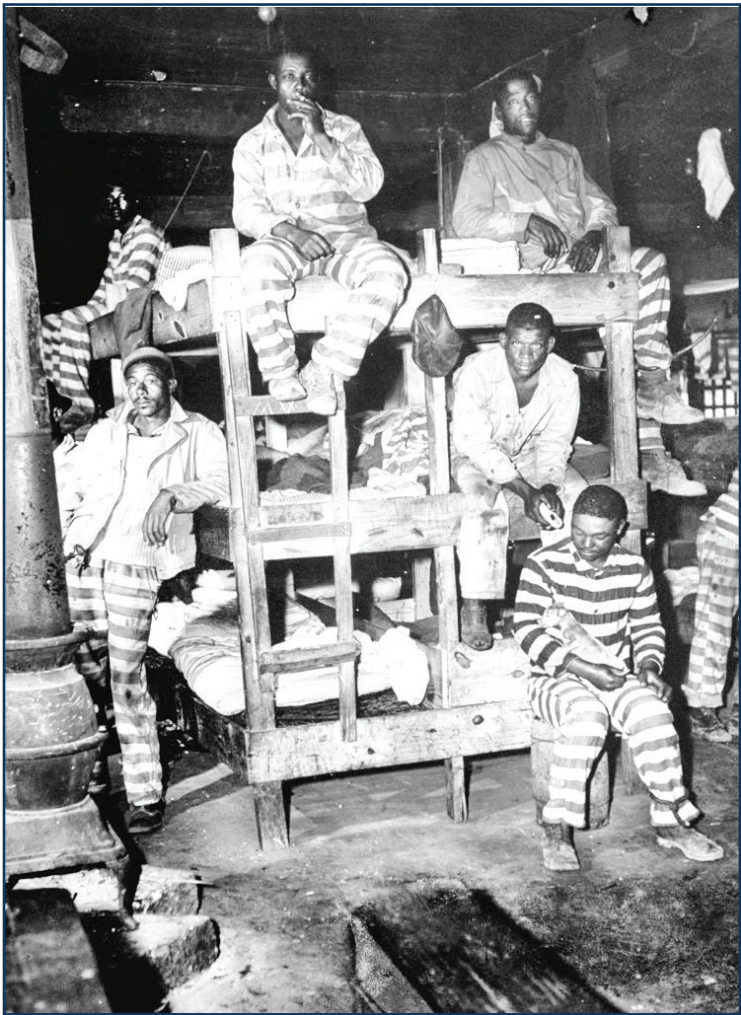


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**INCARCERATION** Convicts gather in one of their many quarters.

disproportionately falls on persons of color.

According to the 2010 census, African Americans are five times more likely to be incarcerated as whites, and Latinos are twice as likely to be incarcerated.

The documentary will include interviews conducted by Blackmon, where he talked with families who had ancestors that suffered horrendous treatment worse than under slavery.

These men were imprisoned and forced to work every day with extreme hours. They were sent into coal mines, put back onto farms and worked on railroads for no pay.

It created a cycle of poverty that can be seen in low income communities throughout history.

There were no longer slave owners. By imprisoning freed slaves, business owners were allowed to lease these prisoners. This exacerbated their situation, due to the fact no one cared whether they lived or died.

After the viewing, there will be a panel of faculty and staff from the Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice committee who will put on a Q&A. This will be an opportunity to start a meaningful conversation.

For students at Central, this is an opportunity to expand their knowledge. The Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice committee are donating their time to

educate the student body on modern issues.

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Post-emancipation proclamation, anyone could be imprisoned for not having a worker card.

Simply put, they could arrest someone for being unemployed.

While that was extreme, today, overcrowded prisons is an issue that is too often overlooked. For the Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice committee, putting on these events is a way to get Central students talking about the flaws in the system.

Blackmon will be coming to Central this spring quarter on May 11, 2016. He will be available to answer questions on either the book or documentary.

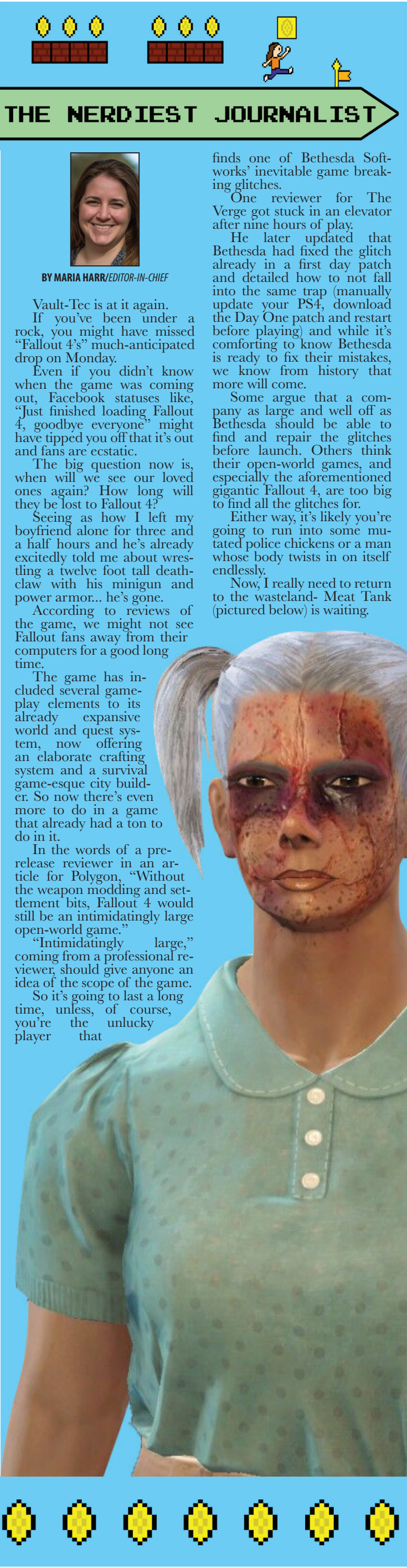
## “Slavery by Another Name”

Thursday Nov. 12

Where: Black Hall  
151

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Free





# Broadway raises red curtain

BY VICTORIA SHAMRELL  
Assistant Scene Editor

Central Theatre Ensemble is preparing to present the annual Red Curtain Broadway Revue from Thursday, Nov. 19 to Sunday, Nov. 22.

It will be an evening full of music and laughter featuring Broadway hits.

This year, the Red Curtain Broadway Revue will showcase numbers from Matilda, Sister Act, The Little Mermaid, 42nd Street, Mary Poppins and more.

Maddie Dugan, junior musical theater major, is part of multiple group numbers in the show.

According to Dugan, there is a lot of artistic collaboration that goes into the show, and a lot of experience is gained from working with a large group of people.

Dugan's favorite piece in the show is the song "Raise Your Voice" from Sister Act.

"I have a featured part in the song 'Raise Your Voice,' where I get to be a rapping nun...I literally rap in Latin. It's pretty great," Dugan said.

The Red Curtain Broadway Revue is unique since the whole process is run by students. They direct the show, put together the sound and lighting system, make



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**REHEARSAL** Theatre students practice stunt for musical number.

the costumes and do the acting and singing.

Onalee Duhrkoop, sophomore special education major, is a performer and student director for the show.

According to Duhrkoop, being a student director is a lot of work, but it's fun since they get to create their own vision for a song.

"We get to cast our numbers,

choreograph and direct them," Duhrkoop said. "It's also cool because we then work with students who light design our show to create a vision for our individual numbers. Our students are doing the microphones, sound, lighting, set and crew work."

Duhrkoop directed a song from the musical adaptation of

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\$12 Non-Central Student

\$8 Central Student w/ID

the movie "Ghost."

"I enjoyed getting to put my own twist on it and look forward to having audiences see both mine and everyone else's hard work," Duhrkoop said.

Students run and are the drive behind the show, but faculty director Terri Brown and choreographer Megan Smith help them mold and shape the final product, Dugan said.

Students have been rehearsing since the beginning of October. A lot of time and hard work has been put in by the students involved with the show.

James Tyler, junior musical theater major, is involved in the performance aspect of the show.

"I think you should come see the show. We've been working really hard and it's really an enjoyable time," Tyler said. "You'll have a smile on your face from start to finish, and you'll get to see what our program really accomplishes."

The Red Curtain Broadway Revue offers a variety of songs, and there is something for everyone, Dugan said.

"We really did a great job at collaborating with such a huge amount of people, and it really shows when you are watching the performance," Dugan said. "There is such a range of high energy songs, emotional ballads, and goofy numbers. I think it is worth every penny to come see this show."

The Red Curtain Broadway Revue will open next Thursday, on Nov. 19 and run through Sunday, Nov. 22 in McConnell Auditorium.

"Some [songs] will make you laugh, cry, and even desire to get out of your seat and dance with us," Duhrkoop said. "This show is so fun for both performers and audience alike, definitely worth seeing."

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# Equestrians rein in horses for show

BY ZAC HERETH

Sports Editor

Central's equestrian club is saddling up for its annual Interscholastic Horse Show Association (IHSA) Double Western Horse Show this Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15 at Orrion Farms.

This western-style event judges horses on pattern, smooth movement, responsiveness to the rider, manners, disposition and ability to change lead foot while in the air, as well as the rider's ability to maintain a proper position on the horse.

The events start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Central's equestrian club puts on the show themselves, with the most difficult task being providing horses for the event.

The team must provide 30 horses for riders from all eight competing teams to ride for different events. The team had only secured 24 horses as of last Thursday, but that number rose to 45 over the past weekend. Last year's event went similarly.

"Last year at our show it was kind of a similar deal," Churchill said. "It all kind of came together the last week."

Churchill said the team had to work on tracking down leads heading into the event.

The team lets horse owners know that they will take good care of their horses and treat them as if they were their own.

According to Churchill, a senior at Central, the team was shooting for 40 horses for the show.

Horses are only allowed to be ridden in three different competitions per day. Club President Gretchen Beyer said that this year most horses will only be rode twice each day.

Horses that the team has secured for the event are coming from all over the state: Ellensburg, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Yakima, Olympia and the Tri-Cities.

The team must secure horses



ZAC HERETH/OBSERVER

**NIGHT-RIDER** Central's equestrian club members prepares for their upcoming IHSA Western Style Horse Show at the team ride night.

because competitors at the event are not allowed to ride their own horse, creating the challenge of learning how to ride the horse on-the-fly.

"Each horse works completely differently," said club Vice President Ashley Johnson. "They all have different personalities or are trained differently."

Churchill added that it gives members without their own horses a chance to compete as well.

Competitors do not get a chance to warm up on the horse they draw before each event; they only get to see a warm-up rider get the horse ready. Also, horse owners give a brief description of each horse to riders. If the

owner is in attendance, riders can also seek the owner out to ask questions.

To go along with securing horses for the event, the team must hire judges, find an EMT, invite other schools, design show programs, order award ribbons and find a photographer.

"It's a lot of kind of busy work to get it ready for the big day," Churchill said.

Members will also deep-clean the barn before the event. They already take care of the barn and their horses on a daily basis with three shifts throughout the day, divided between members, to feed horses, clean their stalls and give them time to move around freely.

To go along with their normal practice, riders had a competition this past weekend, which will have them ready for this weekend's event.

"We're really fine tuning everyone's equitation right now," Churchill said. "They've been working really hard the last month and a half, two months, so now we're being super picky on every little detail."

The team hopes to put on a great show for the competitors and represent their team well.

"It's representing our school, our team and this beautiful facility," Churchill said. "We wanna make everyone proud...we wanna put on a high quality show for us and the riders competing."

## Central Equestrian Western Horse Show

When: Saturday at 9 a.m. & Sunday at 8 a.m.

Where: Orrion Farms 280 Orrion Road

## Central Sports Update

BY ZAC HERETH

Sports Editor

AND AUSTIN BENNETT

Assistant Sports Editor

### Men's basketball

The Wildcats defeated Division III opponent, Whitman College, in overtime 98-93 this past Saturday.

Central has big shoes to fill this season as their top scorer from last season graduated this Spring. Dom Williams averaged 20 points last season with the next best leading scorer averaged 12 points.

There was no lack of offensive production with three different players for the Wildcats scoring 20 points or more on the day.

Central seniors, forward Joseph Stroud and guard Joey Roppo both had quality performances to tip off their 2015 campaign.

Roppo finished the game going 60 percent from the field, netting him a team high 26 points. Stroud did a little bit of everything as he racked up a double-double with 20 points and ten rebounds. Stroud was two blocks shy of a triple-double.

Redshirt freshman guard Naim Ladd added another 21 points of his own, while Senior guard Gary Jacobs ended the day with 18 points.

With 12 seconds left in the second half, Roppo hit two free throws to give Central a three point lead. Succeeding the free throws, Whitman went down the court and hit a three point buzzer beater to send the game

into overtime.

For the majority of overtime, Central held onto a one-point lead, until senior guard Devin Matthews wrapped the game up with a dunk to shut the door on Whitman.

Central finished the day at 48-percent from the field as a team. While also shooting 32-percent from beyond the arc and 70-percent from the free-throw line.

Central's first regular season game will be against Simon Fraser University (SFU) on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Burnaby, Canada.

### Football

Central's football team rallied late against SFU overcoming a 21-9 deficit in the third quarter to win 30-24.

The rally was sparked by Central's all-purpose playmaker, Jesse Zalk, returning a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown to make it a 21-16 game with less than five minutes left in the third quarter.

The Wildcats would take the lead 22-21 in the fourth after running back Quincy Carter punched the ball in the end zone from three-yards-out.

SFU took the lead back with a field goal, but Central answered with a 32-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Justin Lane to wide receiver Justin Peterson. Peterson has been on the receiving end of Lane's passes since their high schools days at Lakewood High School in Arlington, Wash. Lane's 11th of the season.

Safety Myles Carelock sealed the game late for Central with an interception with 31 seconds left in the game.

Linebacker Kevin Haynes lead Central's defensive effort with 12 tackles, and sophomore defnesive back Jackson Huerta recorded his first career interception.

Central's passing connection of Lane-to-Zalk heads into the final week of the season within 30 yards of the GNAC leaders in

passing and receiving yards.

The Wildcats improved to 4-5 overall and 2-3 in GNAC play. They will have an opportunity to end the season at .500 with a win in their final game this Saturday, at home against Dixie State University.

### Cross Country

The women's side of Central's cross country team fell just one-spot short of qualifying for nationals this past weekend placing sixth at the NCAA Division II West Regional Meet in Monmouth, Ore.

The women, lead by senior Dani Eggleston's 13th place finish, came just five points short of fifth-place Seattle Pacific University.

Senior Megan Rogers also posted a top-20 finish at the event, coming in 18th.

The men's team placed 14th overall. Freshmen John Lafferty continued to lead the way for the Wildcats with a 53rd place finish.



# Wildcats clawing at GNAC title

BY JAKE NELSON  
Staff Reporter

With only two weeks remaining in the regular season, the Central volleyball team’s next four games couldn’t get any more important.

Central’s next two games are at home against Saint Martin’s University and Seattle Pacific University, both are in the bottom half of the GNAC Standings.

Last week, Central split its games in Alaska, defeating the University of Alaska (UA) 3-1 and losing to co-conference leader the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) 3-2.

Senior outside hitter Linden Firethorne had 14 kills in the win against UA. Junior outside hitter Kiah Jones added 12 kills, and senior setter Catie Fry dished out 36 assists.

“We were spreading the offense really well, and the [middle blockers] were really active and that gave me a lot of good looks,” Jones said. “And as always, Catie Fry was on it.”

Jones believes that Fry is the glue to the team.

“She is like the quarterback,” Jones said. “She is constantly working to give us good looks as

hitters and working with different types of passes. She is a really good emotional leader as well.”

Jones’ 12 kills against UA increased her season total to 169. She credits her success to the team.

“Being in an environment with a team that is really supportive and that is really giving good feedback,” Jones said. “Building you up when you’re not playing well and celebrating with you when you are playing well. There is nothing better to build your confidence than your teammates.”

Central improved their record to 17-6 overall and 13-3 in GNAC play with the win against UA.

Central is currently in third place in the GNAC, behind powerhouses UAA and Western Washington University, who both have a record of 14-2.

With only four games left, Central sits one game out of first place.

“We never give up on anything,” Fry said. “We are always ready to play no matter who it is and just try and win out the rest of the season.”

Of the team’s four remaining games, three are against opponents that are in the bottom half



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**IN THE HUDDLE** Head coach Mario Andaya goes over the Wildcat’s gameplan during a timeout.

of the standings, but on Tuesday, Nov. 17 the Wildcats matchup against Northwest Nazarene University, who is one game behind Central in the GNAC standings, with a 12-4 conference record.

Central will enjoy three of their final four games in front of their home crowd.

“It is always nice to have people that are rooting for you and

not against you,” Fry said. “Playing at home is comfortable and we practice here almost every-day.”

For Fry, it doesn’t matter who the opponent is, every game is big from here on out.

“Every single game that we play is a playoff game,” Fry said. “It is another team in our way on the journey to get to the postsea-

son. We take every single game very seriously.”

Fry has 660 assists on the season so far.

For Fry, there would be nothing better than to be GNAC Champions in her final year in crimson and black.

“It would be awesome,” Fry said. “To go out with a bang would be really cool.”



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# Senior means business

## Forward India Matheson scores Nike internship

BY SAMUEL BEAUMONTE  
Staff Reporter

Senior India Matheson is starting her final-year on the hardwood for the Central women's basketball team, but has much more in store for her at the end of the school year.

With a business administration degree specialized in human relations, supported by both an interdisciplinary studies and sports business minor, many business recruiters are looking forward to her graduation this spring.

"I'm going to graduate, and I want to get a human relations job that's on the talent side," Matheson said. "It's all about development, coordinating, management and recruiting."

Last spring, she was able to do just that with a limited non-annual internship at Nike's headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., where only one percent of an estimated 23,000 applicants were accepted.

"My aunt works down there and she suggested that I get in touch with some people there," Matheson said. "I looked them up through LinkedIn and applied in January, the interview process lasted roughly three months, but I got it."

The interview process was broken down into three sections.

Starting with the introductory interview to make sure everyone was on the same page, followed

by the secondary interview that made sure she was qualified and finally a third interview was held by the head manager to make sure she knew what she and her partner would be doing at the business.

"She wanted to hire someone highly analytical and numbers-based, and I said that wasn't me but I can work on it," Matheson said. "She kind of laughed and said that that would be my partner. My job was more goal-oriented, communicative, personable and focused on problem-solving."

Despite the title of an internship, Matheson and her partner were doing the workload of a full-time position that Nike needed.

"I had to create a cross functional job rotation training program from scratch," Matheson said. "This was to help with payroll and data-management. This helps the current employees by taking them from one function and putting them in a training position in another field in the HR department."

To complete this task most workers must have a good work ethic, a talent that can be seen throughout the majority of Matheson's work.

Head coach Jeff Harada is not surprised by all that Matheson has achieved in the year he has been at Central.

"Last year was my first year

and she was someone that didn't play a lot her first two years, but she was eager to learn and to practice," Harada said. "She was able to learn and grow both physically and mentally and become a big contributor for us."

Harada recognizes Matheson's work ethic on the court, as well as off.

"I think her work ethic coincides for business, and I can see why she was chosen.

I wasn't surprised at all," Harada said. "She's caring and she's fun to be around. We tease her by referring to her as the mother figure of the team, she's always positive and cheerful and genuinely happy for her teammates' success."

A supporter for Matheson for her internship and post-college planning is her advisor Nancy Pigeon.

"Nancy Pigeon, my advisor, helped me talk to the recruiters and gave me a lot of advice. She's still helping me and has been one of the most helpful people in this endeavor."

Pigeon is an associate professor that has been teaching business law, sports law and human resource management classes at Central for the last 17 years.

"I've consulted her on a lot of different things. I had her in class and she was a great student," Pigeon said. "I'm there to help her with negotiations. Depending on how much they want you, and



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**POST-GAME** India Matheson works on her touch around the rim.

how much you need the job, decides who has the upper hand for negotiation."

Pigeon has helped Matheson with options such as working out starting dates, marketing herself and overall counseling.

"India is a bright student. I

think she does a great job managing her time as both an athlete and a Douglas Honor College student. She's a lot of fun to teach, to have in class and to mentor," Pigeon said. "She'll reflect well on Central when she graduates."

# EHS continues CWAC dominance

BY AUSTIN BENNETT  
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The Ellensburg High School football team has won their third straight Central Washington Athletic Conference championship (CWAC). The Bulldogs have gone 30-0 in league play the past three years.

The Bulldogs coaching staff believes in keeping the players humble and proving themselves on the field.

"We really press on our kids about always giving it your best shot, not worrying about the scoreboard, opponents, and those type of things," said head coach Randy Affholter. "Every week is a big week for us."

The team has a weekly "Thursday night attitude" meetings, where a coach is assigned by Affholter to talk with players about different scenarios that could arise during a game.

"Whether it's handling the next play, best shots, being prepared, having confidence in yourself; those are the kinds of things we talk about," Affholter said.

Affholter and the Bulldog coaching staff believe in constant reinforcement of their philosophy on and off the field.

"We talk a lot about being a family, being mentally tough, playing with heart, playing with

discipline, being leaders in our school, not just on the football field, but every place else," Affholter said.

Repetition and consistency seems to be the recipe for success for the Bulldogs. Affholter and his coaching staff repeatedly evaluate their kids throughout the season.

"We always tell our kids that we will put the best product on the field ... you might be starting this week, but if you're not playing well we might have to find a different guy and play him there."

With the system Affholter has in place, depth isn't an issue like most high schools have. If you are a running back at Ellensburg, you could also play wide receiver. The majority of the team also plays both ways, offense and defense.

"We always play, every year, between 15 and 20 guys at the varsity level," Affholter said. "We try to make it easy enough to learn a lot of different things."

Ellensburg fosters more of a learning environment, as opposed to a competitive one.

"I think we do a good job of trying to teach our kids all the way from ninth grade to twelfth grade," Affholter said. "That's our Saturday morning walk-throughs that we start with our young kids and really try to teach



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**LEAGUE CHAMPS** Ellensburg High School football celebrates their third consecutive CWAC title.

them the game."

The Bulldogs coaching staff believes in spending a lot of time with their kids in a learning environment, which helps their program in the long run.

"When the same kid is getting that same message from, ninth grade, 10th grade, and 11th grade, by the time he is a senior he has a pretty good idea on how to play football," Affholter said.

"That's what we have done these past six or seven years to kind of advance our program."

Ellensburg concluded their regular season with a 31-14 win over Quincy High School. The Bulldogs did not have any severe competition this season, aside from Prosser High School, which they beat in overtime, 27-26. Ellensburg shutout four teams this season and outscored their oppo-

nents 454-75.

The Bulldogs will play against Cheney High School in the first round of the state playoffs. Ellensburg has lost in the third round of the state playoffs to Lynden High School the past two seasons.

Ellensburg's first playoff game will be at home on Saturday. The time will be announced later this week.